Improvement of functioning of Government hospitals

†659. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan for improvement in the functioning of the Central Government hospitals and primary health centres situated in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the amount of funds allocated by Government during the current financial year in this regard alongwith the amount of funds released so far for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The Central Government Hospitals are well equipped and have modern treatment facilities. Further improvement of treatment facilities in these hospitals is an on-going continuous process.

In so far as primary health centres situated in the rural areas of the country are concerned, primarily it is for the State Governments to improve their functioning. However, under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) the Central Government is providing Rs. 25,000/- untied funds for local health needs; Rs. 50,000/- maintenance grant and Rs. 100000/- per year for Rogi Kalyan Samity for each PHC. In addition NRHM has provided support to make each PHC 24 hours functional for 7 days a week by appointment of two Staff Nurses on contract basis, drug and equipment and one AYUSH Doctor. The funds are provided to the State Governments through NRHM funds.

Ayurvedic Colleges

660. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governments of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh have submitted projects for Central assistance for development of various Ayurvedic Colleges in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details of the proposals for Central Assistance for development of various Ayurvedic colleges received from the States of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh and action taken by the Central Government thereon are given in Statement-I, II and III.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.